Maine Elks Association

Fall Meeting

Brunswick Lodge #2043

October 8, 2017

Call to Order **State President** **David K. Anderson** called the Fall Meeting of the Maine Elks Association to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Invocation** - **MEA Chaplain Carlette Eaton, PER** gave the Invocation.

**Pledge of Allegiance** - **Americanism Chairperson Shelly Goodwin, PER** led us in the Pledge.

**Roll Call of Officers - Secretary** **Dwayne Guy**, **PDDGER, PSP, PER**

**State President David Anderson** asked that all past and present State Presidents, District Deputies, Grand Lodge Committee Chairs and Grand Lodge Officers stand and be recognized, 20 were present.

**Reading of the minutes** **of the previous meeting:** Dwayne Guy moved the minutes be accepted as printed, second by George Jones and approved.

**Sickness and Distress:** Portland Elks, #188, Francis J Gallagher, PER, Donald E Aubin, Henry R Doughty; Bangor Elks, #244, Reginald Porter, Jr. Donald A Scripture; Houlton Elks #835, Roger Wilson; Rumford Elks, #862, Clyde H Thomas, John G Koris, Lawrence R Theriault, Robert H Smith; Waterville Elks, #905, Edward P Noel, PSP, Edward J Cilley, Deane M Nason, Raymond P Cayouette, William P Brown, 101 years old; Bath Elks, 934, Steven M Christie; Augusta Elks, #964, Donald E Nichols, Florian Dostie, Michael F Betts, Richard J Duplessis; Rockland Elks, #1008, Robert W Salo; Old Town Elks, #1287, Roland L Huston, Francis A Preble, PDDGER, George E Deshane; Gardiner Elks, #1293, James E Walton, PDDGER; Sanford Elks, #1470 Abel R Saucier, PER, Daniel Lizotte, Wayne Bazemore, Sandra R Webber, Eric P Allain, William M Chapais; Millinocket Elks, #1521, Francis E Crowley, David G Gebow; Biddeford-Saco, #1597, Michael Boisvert; Presque Isle, #1954, David Donahue, Leonard Curtis; Farmington Elks, #2430, Jason Flagg, Leslie E Brown; Skowhegan-Madison Elks, #2531 Victor E Pomerleau, Carleton E Whittemore; Sebasticook Valley Elks, #2713 Lois Bowden; and Ellsworth Elks, #2473, Carroll Joe Swazey and Richard W Carr, CM.

**Reports of Officers:**

**State President David Anderson, PER,** Thanked Old Town Elks for hosting the MEA Meeting in August. The next weekend, President Dave and Sandi joined in the Owie Box Ride which culminated in their visitation o the Biddeford Saco Lodge for their lobster bake and breakfast at Bentley’s Saloon Sunday morning. A week-long cruise to Bermuda with many other Elks raised $5,400.00 for MCCP. Weekend after Labor Day, Sanford held a Chili Cookoff, where I was a judge and they had an Auction that raised $15,000. Visit to York was next where we had dinner at Mike’s Clam Shack followed by music back at the Lodge. Last night here at Brunswick, we enjoyed dinner and music. Looking forward to visiting Lewiston next weekend and meeting some of their members.

 **Activities** **Chairman David Anderson** no report.

 **Business Practices Committee David Anderson, PER** no report.

**President-Elect Sue Piper, PDDGER, PER** state the Elks Bells are available and each Lodge has some. They make great Christmas gifts and also great thank-you gifts. Please sell as many as you can again this year.

**First Vice-President** **John Desjardins, PER** reported that the gross sales from the MEA Calendars from 2017 is $23,510.00 and they now on sale for only $10.00. For the 2018 calendars, see Anthony Gause.

 **Scholarship Committee John Desjardins, PER** MVS applications are available online which precludes any being rejected because school councilors sending them in late. Online applications were up 50% over last year’s, the deadline to submit is November 27th. Don’t forget the Legacy Scholarship which is available to children and grandchildren of Elks in good standing for at last 2 years.

**Second Vice-President** **Anthony Gause, PER** reported MEA Calendars have been handed out to the State Trustees, who I turn will hand them out to the officers at their lodge.

 **Drug Awareness Anthony Gause, PER** conducted 2 seminars, September 10th in Bangor, the second on September 17th at Augusta. Nineteen of the twenty-two lodges attended. There will be a Take Back Drugs on October 28th, check your local area for locations. There’s a new high school program aimed at 9 – 12 grades with a short 5-minute video, “What do Heroes do?”

**State Secretary** **Dwayne Guy, PDDGER, PSP**, **PER** the new MEA Directories are in and available, please take only what you need. Take time to look review your information, for committees, officers and lodges and email me at maineelks.sec@gmail.com with any corrections. I rely heavily on the information in the Lodge’s file for accuracy. Please have all changes to me as soon as possible so I can include them when I email the minutes out.

**State Treasurer Jeff Neal, PDDGR, PER** report is on table.

**Administrative Assistant** **Claris Ranger, PDDGER, PSP, PER** reported President Dave’s visits are going good, but 6 lodges still need to schedule with him so he can complete the visits before March.

**State Tiler** **Abby Pettitt** Envelopes are at the table.

**State Chaplain** **Carlette Eaton, PER** no report.

**Sergeant at Arms** **Lori Howlett, PER** reported there are copies of the last meeting minutes, Treasurer’s Report, blank Activity Reports and letterhead at the table. She’s also still selling 50/50 tickets.

**State Trustee Chairman** **Tom Chase, PDDGER, PER** said “As always, spend wisely and raise lots of money”. Let’s try to outdo last year’s calendar sales.

**GL Special Deputy** **Andy Constantine, SDGER, PDDGER, PSP, PER** reported PGER Mike Zellen is on a trip, and wishes continued success and a Happy Holiday Season for us. GER Malcolm McPherson and First Lady Pat will be in Maine November 6th to November 9th. There’s a luncheon at the Augusta Elks on Tuesday, November 7th, followed by the GER Banquet at the Waterville Elks. Lodges have already received the GER’s biography which lists their likes and dislikes, please read the information. Exalted Rulers, your year is half over, are you where you wanted to be after 6 months?

**District Deputy Coastal** **Irving Pillsbury, DDGER, PER** absent.

 **Memorial Service Committee Irving Pillsbury** absent.

**District Deputy Northern Corey Day, PER** absent, but it was reported his visits are on schedule and the Lodges he has visited know what corrections need to be done.

**District Deputy Central Kathleen Cotterly, DDGER, PER** the clinic was on September 9th at Lewiston Elks. Inspections have been scheduled for all Lodges. Kathleen has a new email it is kcotterly@twc.com.

 **MEA Convention Kathleen Cotterly** still seeking proposals to host the MEA Convention for 2020, needs to be submitted by February 28, 2018.

**Accident Prevention/Insurance Risk Program** **Darryl Nadeau** is in Chicago getting training, but wanted to make sure all Lodges notify their Accident Prevention manager of ALL accidents.

**Americanism Committee Shelly Goodwin, PER** said there are envelopes on the table in back for all the contests. Theme for essay contest is “Why Veterans are America’s Heroes”. Shelly also provided the contact information for the District Assistants.

**Antlers** **– Bruce Brunelle, PDDGER, PSP, PER** no report.

**Auditing Committee Scott Gray, PDDGER, PER** no report.

**Credentials Committee Roger Sicard, PGLIG, PDDGER, PSP** no report

**Elks Education Seminar Committee Roger Sicard & Claris Ranger**: The dates, times and locations listed in the directory are correct. A letter is forthcoming closer to the dates.

**Elks National Foundation Committee Albert Ingraham, PDDGER, PER** absent, has been ill, but sent a report that October is ENF month and hopes all Lodges hold at least one fundraiser, we need to get more money in.

**Endowment Fund Darelyn Kearns, PER** Hoopah pins have been ordered and should be in soon.

**Government Relations Committee Robert Drisko, GL Tiler, PDDGER, PSP** is in Chicago getting training. Did everyone notice Bob’ picture on the front of the Elks Magazine?

**Hoop Shoot Committee George Jones** absent but Shawn Stacey reported Scott Mitchell is Northern District Assistant. Th District Hoop Shoots are January 14, 2018 followed by the State’s on January 28th. Thanked Presque Isle Elks for the book they had done for Faith Sjoberg, 3rd Place Finisher at the National Competition.

**Legal Justice Alan Harding, PER** absent.

**Major Project Committee Barbara Guy, PER**

 **MCCP** no report

 **Clynk** is $119.70 as of yesterday.

 **Elliott the Elk** Willis Deshaies Contest for September was won by Rockland #1008 with $450.00.

 **Grand Lodge Booth** no report

**MCCP Cartridge/Toner Debi** **Briggs** absent.

 **Youth Activities Committee Debi** **Briggs** absent.

**Membership Committee Ronald Voisine, PER** When Ron sends any communication to the Lodge Secretary, Chairperson or Exalted Ruler he’d appreciate your prompt response. Let candidates know when the investigation, balloting, orientation and initiation are scheduled. Lodges should follow procedure to process applications. Elks.org has a tool for the Membership Committee, it’s on the Home Page 🡪 Members Only 🡪 Membership Toolkit. The new Coastal District Membership Assistant is Donald Umbro, he replaces Dale Whitmore of Brunswick. Each lodge should take the time to review newsletters from other lodges for new or different ideas. There are currently 166 candidates waiting to be Initiated and we have more than 1000 current members who are delinquent. Top recruiters in Maine, there are 9 members who have proposed 5 or more candidates. Remember, if your Lodge has adopted the By-Law, you can charge just $1.00 for 2 months for the reinstatement fee. This year we are going to have a recognition plaque for 1) the Lodge with the most initiated, reinstatements or overall increase pertaining to new members in the Lodge: 2) a plaque for the Member who has recruited the most since 5/1/17 until 3/31/18: 3) a plaque for the Lodge with the lowest delinquency for 2017-18 Lodge year.  Right now, I am only planning on doing 1st place only. I may decide to do 2nd place also. I believe there is enough money in the Membership Account to cover all costs for 1st & 2nd places if decided upon. I will talk more with Membership advisors at Jan. State Meeting.

**Motorcycle Riders Rod Bauer, PDDGER, PER** is absent, but reported $4,569.00 was raised on the Owie Box Ride this past August.

**National Veterans Service Commission David Hassen** encouraged the Lodges to seek Freedom Grants from ENF. Still looking or storage for furniture, have about 26 pallets of items. The Veterans Stand Down is October 21st at Togus. The Elks Leather & Hide is trying to get more states involved. In January Exalted Rulers can submit a Veteran Volunteer. A bit of unhappy news, to anyone who served at Camp Lejeune from 1953 to 1987, you consumed highly contaminated water and should contact TFTPTF.com.

**New Lodge Committee Sandi Anderson, PER** no report.

**Nominating Committee Glenn McCallum, PDDGER, PER** no report.

**Public Relations Committee Leon "Mac" McCreary, PER** Lodges should receive the Grand Lodge’s Publicity Folder for 100th Anniversary as they approach their 100th year.

**Public Relations E-News Sandra Stillwagon, PER**

**Public Relations Webmaster Shannon Roy**

**Ritual Committee Frank Ricker, PDDGER, PSP, PER**

I would like to thank all of the members that stepped up for roulette team and the Bath lodge for agreeing to host the Area 1 contest.  Unfortunately, Maine was the only team that was competing so the contest was cancelled.

On Sunday October 29 there will be a Ritual Clinic at the Lewiston lodge at 9 a.m. The Clinic will be presented by Area 1 Grand Lodge committeeman Ken Rice. All areas of our initiatory Ritual will be explored and discussed. Certifications for floor, word and computer judges will be offered. Any member of the order can certify as word or computer judge and Past Exalted Rulers and Exalted Rulers can take first approvals for floor judge certification. Information on coaching and officer and at aids will be reviewed. Lunch will be at noon followed by live performance by the Sanford officers for the judging test. Word and computer certification will follow.

A Ritual workshop will be held on November 12 from 9 to noon location to be determined. This will focus on Ritual presentations, individual officer instruction, coaching training and initiation performance.

Please remember that the Ritual committee is there to help any lodge in the performance of our rituals. Please feel free to contact us should you have questions or need help with the Ritual.

December 3rd will be Elks Memorial Day pleas make sure that officers review the Ritual and rehearse to make an impressive presentation for the families of the departed members.

February 25th will be the state Ritual contest. Any lodge wishing to host the contest please contact me before the January meeting. At that meeting we will draw for times to compete in the contest.

**Soccer Shoot Committee Lisa Brunelle** Bruce Brunelle reporting, all local Soccer Shoot contests should be completed as the State Soccer Shoot contest is next Sunday, October 15th at Augusta with registration at 9:00 and competition starting when all are registered but no later than 10:00. The Regional are on November 4th-5th in Nashua N.H.

**Have I missed anyone?** Jim Ferland emphasized his mail in the directory is correct but, it is quincyme00@gmail.com, that’s zero zero on the end, not oh ohhhhh. Jim Ferland thanked all who sent cards to Verna during her recent misfortune. Jim also mentioned nominations for the Enrique S. Camarena Award should be submitted soon, if your lodge has more than 1 nominee, decide at the lodge level and submit only one nomination. Jim Ferland thanked those Lodges that continue to promote Donate Life in their monthly newsletter.

John Nicholson announced there’s a Past State President’s meeting immediately after the MEA Meeting.

Barb Guy reiterated that each Lodge should send a brief history of their lodge to Anthony Gause to be published in a booklet for the 150th Anniversary. Also send it to Grand Lodge to be included in their project as well.

Claris Ranger announced the Pie Bake Sale raised over $5,500.00, selling more than 200 pies.

If you bought phones or toner cartridges for Debi Briggs, Wayne Cotterly will collect them as he’s going to Rumford Elks this week.

**Unfinished Business:** no business brought forth.

**New Business:** Tom Chase none for today.

**Good of the Association:** Scott Monroe announced his candidacy for 2nd Vice-President of the Mane Elks Association.

Barb Guy announced we collected $116 from the Elliotts on the tables. Barb also said the Roaming Elk has been captured today by Rockland Lodge with 11 members present.

Claris asked Augusta Elks to check if February 18th is available to host the Learning Seminar.

ER Michael Michaud “Shu” said there’s a lunch for the GER at Augusta Elks on Tuesday, 11/7 at noon. And Augusta will be hosting State President David Anderson and First Lady Sandi on February 6th, there will be a comedy show at a cost of $15.00.

**Good of the Association con’t:**

The MCCP License Plate drive was successful and has gone to the state.

Lori Howlett announced the Veterans’ Stand down is 2 weeks away, not too late for donations. Lori also said the 50/50 for this meeting is $184.00 each to the MEA and the lucky winner.

If any Lodge is considering an Antlers Program, you can get the information from Grand Lodge**.**

**Donations: 10/8/2017**

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| Receipt # | Pay Method # | $ Amt | From | Memo |
| 607564 | 30544 | 520.00 | Farmington Elks 2430 | MEA Calendars |
| 607565 | 1225 + cash | 400.00 | Millinocket Elks 1521 | MEA Calendars |
| 607566 | 1050 | 760.00 | Lewiston Elks 371 | MCCP |
| 607567 | 1051 | 305.00 | Lewiston Elks 371 | MEA Endowment Fund |
| 607568 | 30855 | 2,649.00 | Waterville Elks 905 | MCCP |
| 607569 | Cash | 84.00 | Millinocket Elks 1521 | MCCP – Elliotts |
| 607570 | 10153 | 4,000.00 | Bangor Elks 244 | MCCP |
| 607571 | Cash | 184.00 | MEA Meeting 50/50 | MCCP |
| 607572 | 5618 | 450.00 | Rockland Elks 1008 | MCCP – Elliotts |
| 607573 | Void |  |  | See receipt 607517 |
| 607574 | Void |  |  | See receipt 607518 |
| 607575 | Void |  |  | See receipt 607519 |
| 607576 | Cash | 116.00 | MEA Meeting – Elliotts | MCCP |
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|  | Total | $9,468.00 |  |  |

The Winter Meeting will be at Augusta Elks #964 on Sunday, January 7, 2018, at 10:00 am.

There being no further business to come before the Association, State President David Anderson proceeded to close the meeting.

State Chaplain Carlette Eaton gave the benediction followed by one chorus of God Bless America.

MEA Meeting closed at 11:40 am.

Fraternally Submitted

Dwayne Guy, PDDGER, PSP

Sat Secretary, Maine Elks Association